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BOOK REVIEWS.

LIFE AND LETTERS OF DOLLY MADISON. Allen C. Clark, Washington, D. C. Press of W. T. Roberts Company, 1914, pp. 517, with 45 illustrations.

No American woman was more beloved in her day than Dolly Madison, and no one has since been regarded with a more sympathetic and sentimental interest. This large and handsome book not only contains very many letters to and from Mrs. Madison, but also others about her and her distinguished husband. It is a valuable contribution to the social and general history of the period.

FENWICK ALLIED ANCESTRY. Ancestry of Thomas Fenwick of Sussex County, Delaware, Provincial Counsellor (etc.). By Edwin Jaquett Sellers, Philadelphia, 1916, pp. 191.

This book, prepared with the care and thoroughness of all of Mr. Sellers' genealogical work, is a store-house of information in regard to a great number of prominent European families, from whom the Fenwicks descended. Thomas Fenwick settled first in Maryland, removed to Lower Norfolk, Va., where he married, returned to Maryland and ultimately settled in Delaware where he became a prominent man.

LIFE OF HENRY WINTER DAVIS. By Bernard C. Steiner. John Murphy Company, Publishers. Baltimore, Md., 1916, pp. 415.

This is a very interesting life of a distinguished man, and fills a gap in American biography. The short autobiography which is included is especially valuable on account of the insight it gives into Senator Davis' character. For a man who had not had opportunity for very thorough classical study and who only studied a short time at the University of Virginia, to pronounce the great Grecian, Gesner Harrison, "a plodding pedant" was, to say the least, a rash judgement.

THE FOUNDING OF SPANISH CALIFORNIA. THE NORTHWESTWARD EXPANSION OF NEW SPAIN, 1687-1783. By Charles Edward Chapman, Ph. D., Assistant Professor of History in the University of California. New York, The MacMillan Company 1916, pp. 483, with a portrait and six maps.

Dr. Chapman seeks to show in this volume that the Spanish occupation of California in the years just prior to the American Revolution, was, in a great degree, responsible for the later acquisition of American frontage